



October 12, 2001

**TENANT NOTICE #5
SHORT RUNWAY REHAB**

TO: Airport Tenants

FM: Cynthia Stewart, Airport Manager

RE: Runway 13L – 31R Rehabilitation Project – Issues and Plans

Many of you have asked about the status of the Short Runway project and want to know when the work will be completed. This is a complex issue. The intent of this memo is to outline the considerations we will be addressing when we make decisions about completion of the project.

The work to date has been ahead of schedule; we had determined that the work could be completed in less than the 75 days total that we originally anticipated. The base course paving has been completed; essentially, the paving has leveled the runway surface using a highway-type asphalt mix. This may be useable for light aircraft operations in conjunction with some additional restoration work.

However, the weather patterns have changed, and the contractors' ability to get the paving done with current weather conditions is very limited. There are two lifts remaining; each lift requires 3-4 days of work in dry and relatively warm conditions. At this time, weather projections are for periodic rain and colder temperatures, making it nearly impossible to expect 3-4 days of consecutive dry conditions for sufficient hours to complete each lift. Therefore, the Airport and contractors are attempting to determine whether to paint and finish the runway for temporary reopening for limited use, completing the work in the spring; or whether to keep the runway closed until spring.

Additionally, there are approximately 5 days of work to be done on the B-taxiway, near B-4, to complete needed electrical work. Originally, it was anticipated that this work would take only two days, and weekend work was planned. However, the contractors have said that the pavement is unexpectedly deep in that area, and the work will take longer. In order to maintain operations as normal as possible, the Airport would prefer to reopen Taxiway A-4/B-3 in order to simplify the taxiway needs during the closure of the B-4 to B-5 segment of the B taxiway.



So, when we have the following information, we will announce plans for timing of completion of the Short Runway and B-taxiway electrical work. We need:

- Cost estimates to compare the options of 1) painting and adding temporary pavement transition surfaces to the short runway vs 2) leaving the short runway fully closed.
- Information regarding the timing of rehabilitating the transition surfaces and preparing intersection taxiways A-4 and B-3 for large aircraft use, so that the work on B-taxiway can be done without impeding large aircraft operations.
- In either case, the remaining two lifts of paving would not be completed until spring, and the Short Runway will be closed to any FAR Part 139 operations until then.

We expect to receive this information at the end of next week, and we will announce our plans at that time.

On a related matter, some minor pavement rehabilitation of a portion of Taxiway B, located between B-5 and B-7 is proposed for this Monday, October 15. This portion of the taxiway will be temporarily closed from approximately 0700 to 1500 hours. Aircraft normally using this area will be directed to alternate taxi routes; however, we anticipate that this work will have minimal impact to current airport operations.

In the meantime, as always, **PLEASE WATCH THE NOTAMS FOR CHANGING DETAILS.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (206) 296-7380.

Thank you again for your patience during this improvement project.

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